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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 8, 2003 in which a restriction requirement was made, the claims of Group II (13-20) are hereby elected, with traverse. Applicant believes that each of the claims are allowable, including the linking claim (claim 12), and expects a communication removing the restriction once claim 12 is allowed.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, a telephone call to the number indicated below is invited.

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